

Tips to Creating Conversations

1. Put the phone down! Set the example
 - No “multitasking” during conversations
 - Full Body Listening; eyes, body, brain!
2. Speaking and Listening needs practice.... A LOT!
3. Conversation is not an interrogation
 - Questions should be non-threatening
 - Purpose is to elicit deeper thinking
4. Create a Buy In! Pick interesting topics, add humor, emotional tie
5. Show the language of thinking by talking out loud to identify and solve problems
6. Model language to show how you would give examples to support an opinion; i.e.; I like the beach because the ocean is beautiful and it's fun to play in the water.
7. Acknowledge & Add; Acknowledge what was said, then add on- topic comments/questions
8. Allow time to process information and organize answers

